



08/29/03

TERENCE C. BIRCH
 RAYMOND C. STEWART
 JOSEPH A. KOLASCH
 JAMES M. SLATTERY
 MICHAEL K. MUTTER
 CHARLES GORENSTEIN
 GERALD M. MURPHY, JR.
 LEONARD R. SVENSSON
 ANDREW D. MEIKLE
 MARC S. WEINER
 JOE MCKINNEY MUNCY
 ROBERT J. KENNEY
 JOHN W. BAILEY
 MARK J. NUELLE, PH.D.
 JAMES T. ELLER, JR.
 D. RICHARD ANDERSON
 THOMAS M. SMALL*
 ROBERT A. SELDON*
 JOHN A. SCILLIERI*
 SANFORD ASTOR*

OF COUNSEL:
 HERBERT M. BIRCH (1905-1996)
 BERNARD L. SWEENEY*
 ELLIOT A. GOLDBERG*
 WILLIAM L. GATES*
 EDWARD H. VALANCE
 RUPERT J. BRADY (RET.)*
 F. PRINCE BUTLER
 FRED S. WHISENHUNT (RET.)
 JAMES W. HELLWEGE
 QUENTIN R. "Rick" CORRIE
 ROBERT F. GNUSE
 DAVID R. MURPHY
 ROBERT M. ASHEN*
 MICHAEL R. CAMMARATA

*ADMITTED TO A BAR OTHER THAN VA.

BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW
 8110 GATEHOUSE ROAD
 SUITE 100 EAST
 FALLS CHURCH, VA 22042-1248
 USA

(703) 205-8000

FAX: (703) 205-8050
 (703) 698-8590 (G IV)

e-mail: mailroom@bskb.com
 web: http://www.bskb.com

CALIFORNIA OFFICES:
 COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA
 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

SCOTT L. LOWE
 PAUL C. LEWIS
 RICHARD J. GALLAGHER
 MARYANNE ARMSTRONG, PH.D.
 KECIA J. REYNOLDS
 KALPANA REDDY
 ESTHER H. CHONG
 CATHERINE M. VOISINET*
 EUGENE T. PEREZ
 CAROLYN T. BAUMGARD
 MARTIN R. GEISSLER*
 J. ALISON GRABELL*
 T. BENJAMIN SCHROEDER
 PERCY L. SQUARE
 HYUNG N. SOHN
 CLINT A. GERDINE
 CRAIG A. McROBBIE
 WILLIAM F. NIXON*
 DANIEL K. DORSEY
 MATTHEW T. SHANLEY

REG. PATENT AGENTS:
 FREDERICK R. HANDREN
 MAKI HATSUMI
 GARTH M. DAHLEN, PH.D.
 ROBERT E. GOOZNER, PH.D.
 KRISTI L. RUPERT, PH.D.
 SUSAN W. GORMAN, PH.D.
 ROBERT W. DOWNS
 CHAD J. BILLINGS
 CHRISTINE V. CASTILLO
 CARL T. THOMSEN
 SAM BHATTACHARYA
 BRADLEY C. FACH

Date: August 29, 2003

Docket No.: 0425-1076P

MS PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c).

Inventor(s): IKEDA, Yasushi; MIYAUCHI, Yoshitaka; YAMASHITA, Osamu

For: DEINKING AGENT

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of Thirty-five (35) pages
- ☐ () sheet(s) of formal drawings
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27

- ☐ Applicant does not claim priority
- ☒ Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on Application No(s). 2002-252658 filed in JAPAN on August 30, 2002.
- ☐ Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.
- ☒ Certified copy(ies) will follow.
- ☒ Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 will follow
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)
- ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee
- ☐ Non-publication Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) (2) (B) (i)

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

			LARGE ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY
BASIC FEE			\$750.00	\$375.00
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE FEE	RATE FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	9-20=	0	x 18 = \$0.00	x 9= \$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1-3=	0	x 84 = \$0.00	x42= \$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			+ \$280.00	+ \$140.00
TOTAL			\$1,030.00	\$0.00

- ☒ The application transmitted herewith is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c). The undersigned has been authorized by the inventor(s) to file the present application. The original duly executed declaration together with the surcharge will be forwarded in due course.

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$1,030.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this transmittal form is enclosed.
- ☒ Please send correspondence to:
BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP or Customer No. 02292
P.O. Box 747
Falls Church, VA 22040-0747
(703) 205-8000

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP

By 
John W. Bailey, #32,881

P.O. Box 747
Falls Church, VA 22040-0747
(703) 205-8000

JWB/tmr
0425-1076P

Attachment(s)

(Rev. 07/30/03)